



Conference on Adaptive Management and Global Climate Change

The Mershon Center will be home to a major conference on Adaptive Management and Global Climate Change in the fall of 2003 designed to apply social science insights to the policy issue of global climate change. The project investigates the institutional management of international conflict arising from material interests and resource scarcity. The principal investigators have already formed a working committee, the Adaptive Research and Governance in Climate Change (ARGCC) group, and hosted a preliminary workshop in December 2002. The conference will follow up on our initial findings by bringing together a group of leading social scientists in a variety of fields (political science, international relations, economics, geography, natural resource management, decision theory, etc.). The conference will take place over two days, with approximately five panels and a total of 25 papers presented. Several prominent keynote speakers have agreed to anchor each panel. With this multi-disciplinary and cross-scale approach to climate change, we have already developed a set of novel insights concerning climate change policy and especially the promise and pitfalls of applying an "adaptive management" approach to climate change. These ideas are currently being integrated into a paper to be submitted to the *Policy Forum* section of the journal *Issues in Science and Technology*.

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